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SUBJECT: U.S. STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

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SUMMARY: WE NEED GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER AMB SCHAUFELLE
SAID "PEOPLE" OR "PEOPLES" IN MAY 29 UNSC STATEMENT ON
UNFICYP. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY RELEASED TEXT AMB
SCHAUFELLE'S STATEMENT TO SC ON UNFICYP RENEWAL. INTER
ALIA, TEXT AS CARRIED REFTEL AND WIRELESS FILE CONTAINED
SENTENCE, "IN THIS REGARD, MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO RE-
AFFIRM THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS
AS THE BEST AVAILABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING A JUST SOLUTION
BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A SINGLE, SOVEREIGN, AND INDEPENDENT
CYPRUS WITH APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE
OF ALL ITS PEOPLES." PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF SC MEETING
(S/PV.1772), RELEASED BY UNFICYP QUOTES AMB SCHAUFELLE AS
SAYING ALL ITS PEOPLE RPT PEOPLE.

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2. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAVE
QUERIED US FOR CORRECT TEXT.

3. TURK CYPRIOTS, OF COURSE, PLEASED WITH REFERENCE TO PEOPLES
RPT PEOPLES. GOVT SOMEWHAT IRRITATED. FONMIN (PILAVACHIS)
STATES HE IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTER TO ASK US TO PRINT
CORRECTION IF, IN FACT, SCHAUFLELE SAID PEOPLE IN SINGULAR. WE
ASKED FOR GOCYPRUS POSITION, AND PILAVACHIS SAID GOCYPRUS
CONSIDERS THERE TO BE ONLY ONE CYPRUS PEOPLE, WHICH INCLUDES
VARIOUS MINORITIES. USE OF PLURAL "HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR A
SETTLEMENT, AND WOULD REQUIRE A DIFFERENT KIND OF SOLUTION.
PLURAL ALSO SUGGESTS RECOGNITION OF A SEPARATE IDENTITY IN TERMS
OF SELF-DETERMINATION." (WE READ THIS POSITION BACK TO HIM,
AND HE CONFIRMED.)

4. PILAVACHIS' POSITION SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH LINE TAKEN
BY MAKARIOS IN RECENT INTERVIEW (CYPRUS BULLETIN, PIO, MAY 29),
IN WHICH HE ARGUED CYPRUS IS ONE STATE WITH TWO NATIONS
REPRESENTED. "THE POPULATION OF THE ISLAND, GREEK AND TURKISH
CYPRIOTS, USE THE GREEK AND TURKISH FLAGS, RESPECTIVELY, TO
DEMONSTRATE THEIR NATIONAL FEELINGS....FOR IN REALITY THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS IS A NEW STATE BUT NOT A NEW NATION....
THE GREEKS AND TURKS OF CYPRUS CAN PRESERVE THEIR NATIONAL
IDENTITY." MAKARIOS STATEMENT TENDS TO UNDERMINE CLAIM THAT
SELF-DETERMINATION IS A MORAL RIGHT FOR CYPRUS AS A WHOLE
(I.E., THE GREEK MAJORITY). GOCYPRUS, OF COURSE, REGULARLY
USES SUCH TERMS AS "COMMUNITIES".

5. CHARGE REMARKED THAT USG HAS USED VARIOUS TERMS (PEOPLES,
PEOPLE, NATION) IN DIFFERENT CONTEXTS, MADE PERSONAL GUESS
THAT TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ATTACHED TO IT.

6. COMMENT: THIS LOGIC-CHOPPING, OF COURSE, REFLECTS
FONMIN'S RECENT ENTHUSIASM FOR NOT RPT NOT LETTING TURKS GET
ANY LEGALISTIC ADVANTAGE. WE ARE DAMNED IF WE CHANGE STATE-
MENT, DAMNED IF WE DON'T. SUGGEST ON BALANCE IT BEST TO DOWN-
PLAY PER PARA 5, BUT ISSUE NO RPT NO CHANGE UNLESS OFFICIAL
TEXT CLEARLY IN ERROR. FOR FUTURE SITUATIONS, WISE NOT RPT NOT
TO ENCOURAGE GOCYPRUS FEELING IT CAN TURN US AROUND. FROM
SCHOLASTIC LOCAL STANDPOINT, PLURAL HAS ONE ADVANTAGE IN THAT
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IT SPARES US FROM CHARGE THAT, IF WE CONSIDER IT ONE PEOPLE,
WHY ARE WE AGAINST SELF-DETERMINATION FOR IT?

7. FOR FUTURE, HERE'S ANOTHER TERM TO AVOID.

8. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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